

CAPT JOSEPH D. HEDGES

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE MULTI-NATIONAL SECURITY AND TRANSITION COMMAND – IRAQ



CAPT Hedges was born in Grass Valley, California and graduated from California State University, Chico, with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree in December 1984. Following graduation, he entered the U. S. Navy through a direct commission via the Collegiate Commissioning Program. He then received orders to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Forty, where he served as the Assistant Training, Embarkation, Communication and Armory Officer for the first half of his tour. During the second half of his tour, he led Civic Action Team 4014 to Yap as Officer in Charge.

CAPT Hedges assumed responsibility as Officer in Charge of Construction Battalion Unit (CBU) 426 located in Washington, DC on March 1987. Also during this period, he was collaterally assigned to the Navy Ceremonial Honor Guard to perform White House military ceremonies.

After receiving a Master of Ocean Engineering Degree from Texas A&M University in May 1990, CAPT Hedges reported to Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center prior to reporting to Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory as the Ocean Operations and Diving officer.

In July 1993, CAPT Hedges transferred to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay as Public Works Shop Officer. Midway through this assignment, he fleeted up to Assistant Public Works Officer.

In July 1995, CAPT Hedges was reassigned to Naval Facility Engineering Service Center as the Acquisition Planning Officer and Program Manager. From 1997 to 1999, he served as Executive Assistant for ADM Thomas Gross, Deputy Commander for Contingency Engineer Group, Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

In July 1999, CAPT Hedges assumed duties as the Resident Officer In Charge of Construction, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southern Division for the Charleston, South Carolina region. After this tour in May 2002, he became the Public Works Officer of Naval Support Activity, Crane, Indiana and Officer in Charge of NAVFAC Midwest, Detachment Crane.

In May 2007, CAPT Hedges assumed duties as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineering Directorate at Multi-National Security and Transition Command – Iraq.

CAPT Hedges' decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards); the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards); the Air Force Achievement Medal and numerous other unit and individual awards. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Washington.